REMARKS

The left most column of the following table provides a marked version of the two specification amendments whose entry is requested, wherein each of these amendments is derived from corresponding passages of U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/010,703. In particular, for each of these two amendments, word variations from their corresponding passages in the above-identified U.S. provisional patent application are shown. Word insertions are underlined, and word deletions are in square brackets. Additionally, in the right most column of the following table are the corresponding passages from the above-identified U.S. provisional patent application with their page and line numbers. It is believed that the following table provides sufficient support for the entry of the two specification amendments derived from corresponding passages of U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/010,703.

Passages requested to be entered that correspond to passages from the U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/010,703.	Corresponding passages from U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/010,703.
In particular, Figs. [2]8A and 8B is a block diagram of an alternative embodiment of the present invention wherein an advertisement sending daemon [204] (i.e., TCP/IP daemon ad sender on the host computer [10]308) and an advertisement receiving daemon [208]806 (on the client end user machine [14]318) communicate for periodically displaying advertisements and other announcements to a user on the end user machine [14]318.	Fig. 2 is a block diagram of an alternative embodiment of the present invention wherein an advertisement sending daemon 204 (on the host computer 10) and an advertisement receiving daemon 208 (on the client end used machine 14) communicate for periodically displaying advertisements and other announcements to a user on the end user machine 14. (Page 5, lines 11-16)
[Referring now substantially to the alternative embodiment of the] An additional and/or alternative description of the embodiment of the present invention shown in Figs. [2]8A and 8B is	Referring now substantially to the alternative embodiment of the present invention in Fig. 2, users may use the present invention to access the INTERNET

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as follows: users may use the present invention to access the INTERNET [54]324 on a reduced cost or free basis, by using whatever TCP/IP SLIP/PPP package they desire and registering with the web server [42]308. That is, a user can sign up or register by dialing into a terminal server with normal serial dialing and log on as a user identified by the identifier "NEW." User "NEW" is then forced into a connection to an enrollment or registration program so he/she can provide information requested by the present invention. When enrollment is completed, the present invention allows the user to download a communications daemon (e.g., ad receiver daemon [208]806) to the user's Internet client node 318. The user may then install the daemon on their machine (Internet client node 318) and dial-up with their favorite TCP/IP package.

However, upon accessing the host [10]308, the user accesses basic functionality of the DISPLAY ENGINE [30]622 that starts up the downloaded daemon [208]806. The network host 308 periodically queries each active port on the terminal servers (e.g., Internet client node 318) to get the IP addresses and then send a short message to the daemon [208]806 which is listening in on a specific port. The DISPLAY ENGINE [30]622 may also disable access by an end user machine [14]318 after a certain number of failures.

Note that the host [10]308 periodically

54 on a reduced cost or free basis, by using whatever TCP/IP SLIP/PPP package they desire and registering with the web server 42. That is, a user can sign up or register by dialing into a terminal server with normal serial dialing and log on as a user identified by the identifier "NEW." User "NEW" is then forced into a connection to an enrollment or registration program so he/she can provide information requested by the present invention. When enrollment is completed, the present invention allows the user to download a communications daemon (e.g., ad receiver daemon 208). The user may then install the daemon on their machine and dial-up with their favorite TCP/IP package.

However, upon accessing the host 10, the user accesses basic functionality of the DISPLAY ENGINE 30 that starts up the downloaded daemon 208. The network hosts periodically query each active port on the terminal servers to get the IP addresses and then send a short message to the daemon 208 which is listening in on a specific port. The DISPLAY ENGINE 30 may also disable access by an end user machine 14 after a certain number of failures.

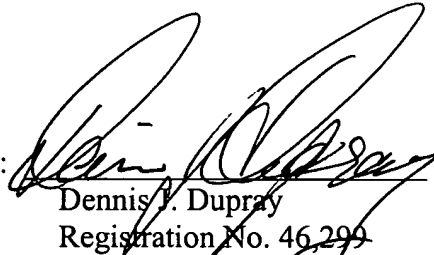Note that the host 10 periodically sends an item to the downloaded daemon

sends an item to the downloaded daemon [208]806 to display. The daemon then displays the message (advertisement) in [the]a window (of the WWW browser 640) on the user's screen.	208 to display. The daemon then displays the message (advertisement) in the window on the user's screen. (Page 11, line 9 through page 12,, line 9)

Regarding the one additional requested specification amendment (i.e., the amendment on page 72, line 21 of the specification), this amendment merely adds a numerical label that is already in the figures so that the paragraph is easier to read.

Accordingly, as stated above, it is believed that the requested amendments to the specification introduce no new matter into the present application. Thus, upon entry of the requested amendments (including the amendment to the paragraph identifying related applications to which the present application claims benefit), if there are pending claims that are currently rejected and/or objected to, Applicants' representatives request reconsideration of such claims in light of these amendments.

It is believed that no fees are due with this transmittal. However, in the event that fees are due, it is requested that the undersigned representative be contacted by phone (303-863-2975), and that the fee be debited from the deposit account 19-1970.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The RELATED APPLICATIONS paragraph immediately after the title has been amended as follows:

The present application is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/105,401 filed June 26, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,183,366), which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08,759,895 filed December 3, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,823,879), which claims the benefit of the following two applications: U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/010,361 filed January 19, 1996 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/010,703 filed January 26, 1996. The entire disclosure of the [prior application Serial No. 09/105,401,]each of the above-identified applications is considered to be part of the disclosure of the [accompanying]present application and is hereby fully incorporated by reference.

The paragraph beginning on page 16, line 4 has been amended as follows:

FIGS. 8A and 8B are an alternative embodiment of the game/advertisement web site 308. In particular, Figs. 8A and 8B is a block diagram of an alternative embodiment of the present invention wherein an advertisement sending daemon (i.e., TCP/IP daemon ad sender on the host computer 308) and an advertisement receiving daemon 806 (on the client end user machine 318) communicate for periodically displaying advertisements and other announcements to a user on the end user machine 318.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 72, line 21 as follows:

Referring now to an alternative embodiment of the present invention presented in Fig. 8, wherein the game/advertisement web site 308 coordinates with a third party Internet access service provider 810 (or interactive cable television provider) for providing Internet 324 (cable television) access to users on a reduced cost or free basis once a user has registered with the web server 340 (cable television provider). That is, the game/advertisement web site 308 contacts the user's Internet service provider 810 and arranges to subsidize the user's Internet service charges in return for the gaming

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advertisement web site 308 being able to repeatedly download to the user's Internet client node 318 (or alternatively, interactive cable television node), unrequested information such as advertising for presentation to the user.

The following three paragraphs have been entered immediately after the paragraph beginning on page 75, line 17:

An additional and/or alternative description of the embodiment of the present invention shown in Figs. 8A and 8B is as follows: users may use the present invention to access the INTERNET 324 on a reduced cost or free basis, by using whatever TCP/IP SLIP/PPP package they desire and registering with the web server 308. That is, a user can sign up or register by dialing into a terminal server with normal serial dialing and log on as a user identified by the identifier "NEW." User "NEW" is then forced into a connection to an enrollment or registration program so he/she can provide information requested by the present invention. When enrollment is completed, the present invention allows the user to download a communications daemon (e.g., ad receiver daemon 806) to the user's Internet client node 318. The user may then install the daemon on their machine (Internet client node 318) and dial-up with their favorite TCP/IP package.

However, upon accessing the host 308, the user accesses basic functionality of the DISPLAY ENGINE 622 that starts up the downloaded daemon 806. The network host 308 periodically queries each active port on the terminal servers (e.g., Internet client node 318) to get the IP addresses and then send a short message to the daemon 806 which is listening in on a specific port. The DISPLAY ENGINE 622 may also disable access by an end user machine 318 after a certain number of failures.

Note that the host 308 periodically sends an item to the downloaded daemon 806 to display. The daemon then displays the message (advertisement) in a window (of the WWW browser 640) on the user's screen.
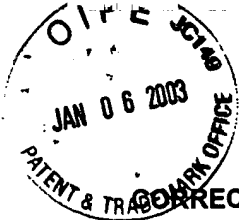
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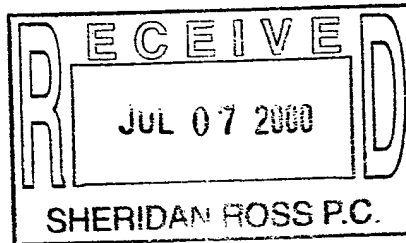
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